

 GOVERNING BOARD POLICY	POLICY TITLE: Use of Physical Force
	POLICY CODE: GBEBE
	LEAD DEPARTMENT: Human Resources

Use of Physical Force

Any administrator, teacher, or other school employee entrusted with the care and supervision of a minor may use reasonable and appropriate physical force upon the minor to the extent reasonably necessary and appropriate to maintain order or protect the minor.

Similar physical force will be appropriate in self-defense, in the defense of other students and school personnel, and to prevent or terminate the theft or criminal damage to the property of the District or the property of persons lawfully on the premises of the District.

The threat or use of physical force is **not** justified as a response to verbal provocation alone, nor when the degree of physical force used is disproportionate to the circumstances or exceeds that necessary to avoid injury to oneself or to others or to preserve property at risk.

On a regular basis the district provides Student Intervention Training for certification in approved methods of therapeutic restraint and crisis intervention. Some job positions require this periodic training.

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